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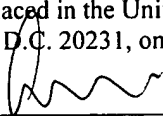
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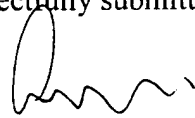
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- (A) The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed, and  
(B) There must be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is required.

The two criteria, (A) and (B), are noted to be joined by "and". For the reasons above, Applicants respectfully submit that the criteria for restriction cannot be met because the second prong (B) of the criteria would appear not to apply. Without the required proper basis, the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn.

It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance. A favorable and early response is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, she is requested to call Applicants' representative at the number shown below.

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